

Name Meaning, Popularity, and Similar Names

The name *Roark* is a boy's name of Irish origin meaning "illustrious and mighty". Roark and discussed in our forums with posts like "[Drop one with middles ... BOYS :\)](#)".

From the experts:

This distinguished surname belonged to one of [Ireland](#)'s great princely families. Its many variations include [Rourke](#) (as in actor [Mickey](#)), and O'[Rourke](#). The family surname is thought to be one of the oldest in the world, originating in the tenth century, following the death of a young prince named Ruarc. It has literary cred via [Howard Roark](#), the protagonist of [Ayn Rand](#)'s *The Fountainhead*.